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TUESDAY HIGHLIGHTS

- On final day of tenure, Secretary-General meets with President Alfredo Cristiani and negotiating team as round-the-clock talks on El Salvador continue in New York.

- Security Council in a unanimous decision calls upon Morocco and the POLISARIO to cooperate fully with the Secretary-General in implementing the Settlement Plan.

- Cyrus Vance, the Secretary-General's Personal Envoy to Yugoslavia, arrives in Belgrade today.

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On the final day of his ten-year tenure, Secretary-General Javier Pérez de Cuéllar participated directly in the El Salvador peace talks, meeting today with President Alfredo Cristiani and his team before his last official departure from United Nations Headquarters, according to a United Nations Spokesman.

Meanwhile, other round-the-clock talks on the subject continued at Headquarters today, the Spokesman said, with Under Secretary-General Marrack Goulding and Mr. Alvaro de Soto, the Secretary-General's Personal Representative on El Salvador. President Cristiani of El Salvador was scheduled to give a press conference on the outcome of the talks later tonight.

The Spokesman also gave preliminary details on the first-day schedule of incoming Secretary-General, Dr. Boutros-Boutros Ghali. Dr. Boutros-Ghali is expected to arrive at the United Nations Secretariat on Thursday morning and proceed to the meditation room as his predecessor had done ten years before. He will then pay a brief courtesy call on senior United Nations officials, followed by a meeting with his personal staff. Other details are to be announced.

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The Security Council this afternoon unanimously called upon the two parties - Morocco and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Saguia el-Hamra and Rio de Oro (POLISARIO), to cooperate fully with the Secretary-General in the implementation of his Settlement Plan, which has been accepted by them.

In adopting resolution 725 (1991), the Council reiterated its support for further efforts by the Secretary-General for the organization and supervision, by the United Nations, in cooperation with the Organization of African Unity (OAU), of a referendum for self-determination of the people of Western Sahara, in conformity with earlier resolutions by which the Council adopted the Settlement Plan for Western Sahara.

The Council also invited the Secretary-General to submit a further report as soon as possible, but in any event, within two months of today's resolution.

In a closing statement, the President of the Council, Yuliy Voronstov (Russian Federation), said they were meeting for the last time in 1991 and thanked those delegations whose terms were expiring as of midnight tonight. They are Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Romania, Yemen and Zaire. These countries are to be replaced by Cape Verde, Hungary, Japan, Morocco and Venezuela.

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Cyrus Vance, the Secretary-General's Personal Envoy to Yugoslavia has arrived in Belgrade, according to an announcement at Headquarters today. A United Nations spokesman said Mr. Vance's arrival follows meetings with President Mario Soares of Portugal, the Prime Minister of Portugal, and with the incoming and outgoing Presidents of the EEC.

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